

## PROCLAMATION GEOGRAPHY AWARENESS WEEK NOVEMBER 15-21, 2009

WHEREAS, geographic knowledge plays an important role in the current and future success of our state; and

WHEREAS, geography is more than simply knowing state capitals; it involves the understanding of how people and places interact, where things come from, and how we connect in a global world; and

WHEREAS, geography is an essential part of a 21<sup>st</sup> century education and geographic literacy is critical to success in a global marketplace; and

WHEREAS, the National Geographic Society and a coalition of national partners have created My Wonderful World, a campaign to increase geographic learning at home, in school and in the community; and

WHEREAS, North Dakotans are encouraged to recognize the importance of geography and geography education, and to enhance geographic learning in their homes, schools and communities.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim November 15-21, 2009, **GEOGRAPHY AWARENESS WEEK** in the state of North Dakota.

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